

REMARKS

The non-Final Office Action dated May 31, 2007 has been received and reviewed. Prior to this communication, claims 1-21 were pending. Claims 1-3 and 15-21 were rejected, claim 4 was objected to, and claims 5-14 were allowed. Claims 5-22 are now pending in the subject application. Claims 9 and 15-21 have been amended herein, claims 1-4 have been canceled, and claim 22 has been added as a new claim. Care has been exercised to introduce no new matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present Application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 5-14 as currently written and stated that claims 15-21 would be allowed if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101. As discussed below, claims 15-21 have been amended in this response to overcome the § 101 rejection, and thus the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 15-21 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 4 was objected to in the Office Action Summary, but its objection was not addressed further by the Examiner in the Detailed Action of the Office Action. In a telephone call on June 26, 2007, the Examiner stated that claim 4 was objected to for being dependent on a rejected claim, but would be allowed if rewritten as an independent claim. Accordingly, claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 22, and thus is in condition for allowance.

Drawings

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to FIG. 1 and 2 based on 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(o) and stated that the figures are required to be labeled with descriptive legends. The appropriate legends have been added to both FIG. 1 and 2 and are included with this response.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(o) and thus the objection should be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 9 was objected to because of a typographical error. The Applicant has amended claim 9 to correct this error. Specifically, the word “ink” in claim 9 has been amended to read “link”. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of this objection.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner states claims 15-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. As suggested by the Examiner, the Applicant has amended claims 15-21 to claim a computer readable medium. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the § 101 rejection of these claims.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,363,319 to Hsu. Because claims 1-3 have been canceled, Applicant respectfully submits that the § 103(a) rejection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons stated above, claims 5-22 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims. If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned – 816-474-6550 or jgibson@shb.com (such communication via email is herein expressly granted) – to resolve the same. It is believed that no fee is due,

however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required to Deposit
Account No. 21-0765.

Respectfully submitted,

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